

REMARKS

The Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and Allowance of Claims 1-20 in view of the amendments presented above and the following arguments.

CLAIM OBJECTIONS

Claim 1 was objected to for lacking a comma after the phrase "with the communications network". A comma has been added where required.

Claim 5 was objected to for lacking a comma after the phrase "a global printer array". A comma has been added after that phrase in element "c)" of the claim.

Claims 5 and 11 were objected to for including a semicolon after the phrase "printer outlets". Applicant has reviewed the claims and respectfully submits that the semicolon as appearing after that phrase in element "c)" of claim 11 is appropriate and that claim 5 element "c)" which includes the subject phrase has been amended and that the semicolon at the end of the added claim language is appropriate.

Thus, Applicant submits that the claims have been corrected as required and/or are in condition for allowance and requests that the objection to these claims be withdrawn and the claims allowed.

35 U.S.C. §102 REJECTIONS

Claims 1-20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(a) as anticipated by Gindelsperger (WO 200033223 A1).

STATUS OF THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-20 were rejected as indicated above.

Claims 1-20 remain pending in this case.

CLAIMS 1-20 ARE NOT ANTICIPATED BY, OR OBVIOUS IN VIEW OF, THE CITED ART

The Examiner rejected Claims 1-20 under 35 U.S.C. § 102, as being anticipated by Gindelsperger (WO 200033223 A1) ("Gindelsperger"). Applicant respectfully traverses these rejections on the ground that Gindelsperger does not teach Applicant's invention as

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now claimed and, further, there is no suggestion to modify the Gindelsperger device in the manner claimed. These amendments do add further limitations to the invention as claimed.

THE GINDELSPERGER DEVICE

The Gindelsperger device does not teach a mobile network user accessing a global printer array linked with a communications network wherein the global printer array includes a network of commercial printer outlets and wherein a localized printer is selected from the global printer array without requiring feedback from said localized printer as set forth in the Specification and as Applicant has amended independent claims 1, 5 and 11.

Gindelsperger discloses a system for selecting a lowest bidding vendor from a plurality of vendors after receiving a set of vendor attributes from the vendors. Buyer invitation-for-bid data is also compiled and then each vendor is sent an invitation-for-bid and, after response from the vendor to the invitation-for-bid, the buyer approves a bid and an order is placed. (Abstract)

CLAIM 1

In contrast to the technique of Gindelsperger, which requires the vendors to communicate with the system multiple times before any vendor is selected, Applicant's independent claim 1, as amended, is directed to a mobile network user that uses a network addressable device to select a proper localized printer from a global printer array that includes a network of commercial printer outlets. In Applicant's invention, the end user is mobile and the possible printer options are selected from a global printer array of commercial printer outlets. (See, eg, page 6, lines 19-32 and page 7 lines 1-3.) As now more particularly claimed, the selection of a localized printer/vendor is done without the requirement for any communication from the localized printer/vendor prior to selection. No initial communication from any printer/vendor is required at all. According to Applicant's invention the global printer array 30 simply includes the location and capabilities of commercial printer outlets. (See page 6, lines 19-21) Thereafter, assessor 25 identifies and selects a localized printer 35 without the requirement of sending a request to the localized printer/vendor and without the requirement of the printer/vendor sending a response before any printer/vendor is selected. All in contrast to the requirements of Gindelsperger.

Claim 1 has been further modified to include the requirement that the assessor 25 identify and select a localized printer 35 that is closest to the user and that satisfies other

mobile network user parameters. (See page 2, lines 24-29; page 6, lines 8-18 and page 8, lines 14-19).

Comparing this with the system disclosed in Gindelsperger, it is apparent that Gindelsperger does not teach or suggest such a system for enabling a mobile network user to select an appropriate printer from a global printer array including commercial printer outlets without the requirement that the vendor communicate with the system multiple times prior to the selection of a localized printer. The Applicant therefore respectfully submits that independent claim 1, along with independent claims 5 and 11 which have been similarly amended, is not anticipated by, nor obvious over, Gindelsperger and is entitled to allowance. Further, dependent claims 2-4; 6-10; and 12-20 are allowable as well as depending from amended and allowable independent claims 1, 5 and 11.

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CONCLUSION

In light of the above, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of Claims 1-20. If the Examiner should feel that any issue remains as to the allowability of these claims, or that a conference might expedite allowance of the claims, the Examiner is asked to telephone the undersigned attorney.

Applicant intends this to be a complete response. No additional fee is believed due; however if a fee is due, please charge deposit account number indicated on the transmittal letter.

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